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Barry--
Had business in
D.C. Back Soon.
-Josh

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THE HACKOWITCZ FILES

FRESHMAN YEAR, FIRST DAY. THIS LAZY LOOKING GUY WALKS INTO MY ROOM WHILE I UNPACKED.

"JOSHUA FIRESEED," HE SAID.

"BARRY HACKOWITCZ," I SAID.

"I SCORE RUNS AND SCORE WITH THE LADIES," HE SAID DUMPING THREE DUFFEL BAGS ON THE EMPTY BED. "WHAT DO YOU DO?"

"EVERYTHING ELSE," I SAID.

WE'VE BEEN LIKE BROTHERS EVER SINCE.

EVEN WHEN HIS UNCLE CARL PASSED AWAY AND LEFT THE FATE OF THE WORLD AND ALL TIME/SPACE IN JOSH'S HANDS.

JOSHUA IS TUROK. IN THE SAQUIN LANGUAGE, THAT MEANS "A SON OF STONE, DEFENDER OF EARTH."

IN ENGLISH: THE ELDEST BORN MALE IN EVERY GENERATION OF THE FIRESEED FAMILY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SAFEGUARDING EARTH FROM THE AMARANTHINE ACCORDANCE (A HIDDEN SOCIETY OF EVOLVED DINOSAURS DON'TCHAKNOW) AND TO WATCHDOG THE INVISIBLE GATEWAYS BETWEEN HERE AND THE PLACE THEY CAME FROM, AN INTERDIMENSIONAL, INTERGALACTIC SEWER CALLED THE LOST LAND.

NO, REALLY, IT DOESN'T SUCK AS BAD AS IT SOUNDS. ACTION, ADVENTURE, EXOTIC TRAVEL.

SURE, THERE'RE SOME BIG RESPONSIBILITIES AND TOUGH CHOICES INVOLVED. LIKE THE ONE JOSH HAS TO MAKE NOW.

A MONTH AGO, JOSH FOUND OUT THAT A DINOSOID IS IMPERSONATING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

SINCE THEN, HE LEARNED THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THOUSANDS OF YEARS, THE DINOSOIDS ON EARTH HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE IN THE LOST LAND.

TWO DAYS AGO, HE FOUND OUT WHERE THE SIGNAL HAD COME FROM AND DISAPPEARED INTO ONE OF HIS "FOLD GATEWAYS..."

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SHOULD I TAKE RIPPING MY BODICE TO MEAN THAT YOUR ANSWER IS NO?
Uhm... YEAH.
THEN IT IS YES?
NO!
KILL HIM!

IS GETTING CRUSHED TO DEATH AN OPTION?
SEE, I'M NOT TOO WORRIED ABOUT JOSH BECAUSE HE HAS A BUG CALLED THE LIGHT BURDEN...
IT'S LIKE A WEAPONS CLOSET INTO INFINITY...
HE CAN PULL OUT ALL KINDS OF STUFF...
...LIKE MAGIC LEGGINGS MADE FROM THE SKIN OF A COUGAR-SPIRIT (LETS HIM RUN REAL FAST)...
...AND GUNS WHICH WOULD MAKE THE NRA JEALOUS...
...YUP, THERE'S NOT MUCH JOSH NEEDS TO BE WORRIED ABOUT...
HEEEEEEEP

BETTER PUT PER'TEON'S STAFF AWAY, I MAY NEED IT LATER.
I'M DEAD I'M DEAD I'M DEAD
I DIDN'T WANT TO RIP HER TOP OFF...
...WELL, I WANTED TO, I JUST DIDN'T MEAN TO...
...BUT WHEN SHE TRIED TO GRAB MY BAG...I'M STUCK IN A BAD PORNO REMAKE OF "RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK!"
WHERE'S MY RIDE OUT OF HERE?
Oh YEAH, I FORGOT ABOUT THE "WHISTLE"--
JINK JINK JINK
I MEAN, HOW MANY PEOPLE CAN CALL ON "SPIRITUAL ASSIGNATES"--BEADS, FEATHERS, SKINS--
--WHICH HELP YOU BECOME "ATTUNED" TO THE LIFE ENERGIES OF ALL THINGS?
PHOO
C'MON, C'MON-- ONE MORE HILL TO GO...
Hmm... FOUR-BREASTED WARRIOR WOMEN BEHIND ME, FOUR-BREASTED WARRIOR WOMEN IN FRONT OF ME...
...I DIE HAPPY...

JINK
JINK
JINK
NO, AS APPEALING AS SURRENDER MIGHT SOUND...
?
THAT WAS A HORRIBLE SHOT.
I'M TALKING ABOUT STUFF THAT CAN MAKE ANIMALS DO WHAT HE WANTS THEM TO.
SKREE
I DON'T KNOW HOW (AND LORD KNOWS, THAT MEANS NEITHER DOES JOSHUA), BUT I'VE SEEN IT HAPPEN.
HE MADE A DOG PEE ON AN OBNOXIOUS FRAT GUY A WEEK AGO.

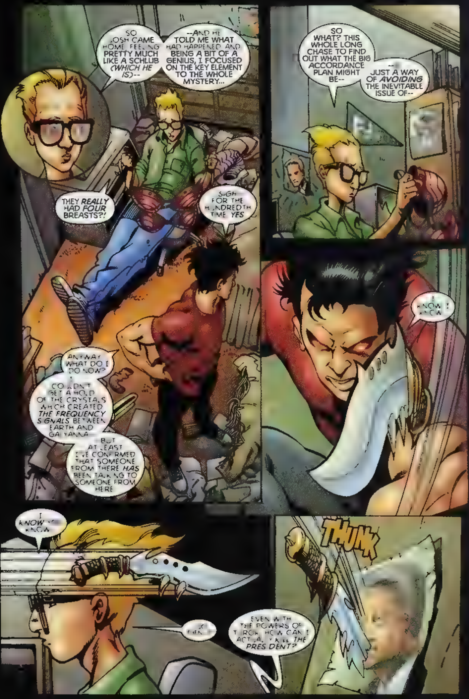
PER'EON, IT WAS ALMOST A PLEASURE DOING BUSINESS WITH YOU AND THE LADIES OF THE CLEYAN CLAN--
--BUT MY LIGHT BURDEN AS PAYMENT FOR YOUR INFORMATION DIDN'T SEEM LIKE A FAIR TRADE TO ME.
AND SINCE I DIDN'T PLAN ON LEAVING EMPTY HANDED...
RRRIPPPP
YEEEHAAA
FISHAKK
EGOTISTICAL SERPENT-DANGLING ARROGANT PIECE OF...

YIPPY-KAY-AY--
-- OPEN UP A FOLD GATE AND EXIT STAGE--
SHEENG
-- WHOOOOaaa
VVWMMM
OKAY, I'LL GRANT YOU, SOMETIMES JOSHUA IS TOO SMUG FOR HIS OWN GOOD.
AND HE THINKS HE CONTROLS HIS POWERS A LOT BETTER THAN HE ACTUALLY DOES.
AND, YES, A SIMPLE THING LIKE LOSING HIS CONCENTRATION OR SPIRALING OUT OF CONTROL RIDING ATOP A PTERODACTYL--
-- COULD THROW OFF THE LOCATION WHERE HIS FOLD DOORWAY OPENS UP ON EARTH...
RENT
ONE WAY
... BUT C'MON, LOOK AT IT THIS WAY...
UH... WHAT'S THAT?

... EVEN HIS SCREW-UPS ARE COOL!
GAAAK-- !
TIMES SQUARE?
MMMMWWW

WOW.
ONLY BEEN IN MANHATTAN ONCE BEFORE...
... NEVER GOT TO DO THE TOURIST THING...
Subway
... GUESS I'M NOT GONNA HAVE MUCH TIME TO DO IT NOW EITHER...

THINK
DIFFER
BERTEL
DINOSAUR-
RIDING MAN
VANISHED
WHAT DID HE THINK HE WAS DOING WITH SUCH A *PUBLIC DISPLAY?*
I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT


SO JOSH CAME HOME FEELING PRETTY MUCH LIKE A SCHLUB *(WHICH HE IS)*--
--AND HE TOLD ME WHAT HAD HAPPENED AND BEING A BIT OF A GENIUS, I FOCUSED ON THE KEY ELEMENT TO THE WHOLE MYSTERY...
THEY *REALLY* HAD *FOUR* BREASTS?!
SIGH FOR THE HUNDREDTH TIME, *YES*.
ANYWAY WHAT DO I DO NOW?
I COULDN'T GET A HOLD OF THE CRYSTALS WHICH CREATED *THE FREQUENCY SIGNALS* BETWEEN EARTH AND GAIYANNA--
--BUT AT LEAST I'VE CONFIRMED THAT SOMEONE FROM THERE *HAS* BEEN TALKING TO SOMEONE FROM HERE
SO WHAT? THIS WHOLE LONG CHASE TO FIND OUT WHAT THE BIG ACCORDANCE PLAN MIGHT BE--
--JUST A WAY OF *AVOIDING* THE INEVITABLE ISSUE OF--
I KNOW I KNOW
I KNOW I KNOW
EVEN WITH THE POWERS OF THROK, HOW CAN I ACTUALLY KILL *THE PRESIDENT?*
THUNK

WELL, YOU'VE RULED OUT CONTACTING THE DOMESTIC OPERATIONS AUTHORITY OR INQUEST - OR THE FBI - NOT THAT I BLAME YOU!..
I DOUBT THEY'D BELIEVE YOU...
SINCE YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN LOOK THROUGH THE HARDEN SITE...
...TO SEE THAT THE PRESIDENT IS REALLY A HOLOGRAPHICALLY DISGUISED DINOSOID?
PHONE CALL FOR YOU, JOSH. SOME GUY SAYS IT'S IMPORTANT.
COULD YOU TAKE A MESSAGE, PLEASE? ...HMMM.
YOU GUYS WANT TO STAY FOR DINNER?
CAN'T, JOSH HAS TO GO KILL CLINTON.
OKAY, MAYBE I'LL SEE YOU LATER AT SUPLACE FOR PIZZA.
SHE REALLY DOES WANT EVERYONE YOU'RE TURDX PRETTY WELL, DON'T YOU THINK?
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JOSH DECIDED THAT HE HAD TO TRUST SOME-ONE...
...AND WHO BETTER FOR A *JOCK* TO CONFIDE IN THAN HIS *COACH?*
IT HELPS, OF COURSE, THAT *GARY ATKINS,* THE VARSITY BASEBALL COACH AT OKLAHOMA COLLEGE IN OKLAHOMA CITY
IS ALSO A "GOOD" *DINOSOID* IN DISGUISE PLACED HERE TO PROTECT JOSH FROM THE "BAD" DINOSOIDS.
WELL, SAY *SOME*THING!
FOUR BREASTS, Huh?
C'MON.
OKAY, SORRY.
WELL, YOU CAN'T JUST WALTZ INTO THE WHITE HOUSE AND KILL HIM.
AND YOU CAN'T SEND HIM TO GALYANNA UNTIL YOU FIND OUT IF THE *REAL* PRESIDENT IS ALIVE OR DEAD
THIS *IS* WHAT I'VE BEEN SAYING.
SO?
SO.
FOUR BREASTS HUH.

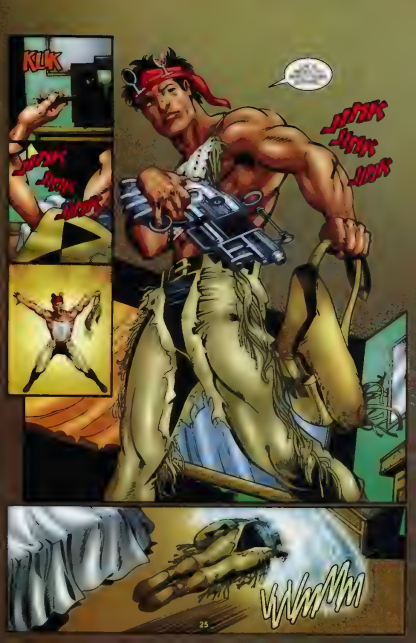
THAT AFTERNOON, JOSH TRIED GETTING SOME ADVICE FROM HIS FAMILY AT THE *SAQUIN VILLAGE*...
BIG MISTAKE. SEE, JOSH'S FAMILY IS... COMPLICATED.
AND EXACTLY *HOW LONG* WERE YOU WAITING TO TELL US?!
HIS MOM IS NEVER THERE. HIS OLDER SISTER, VIVIAN, IS MARRIED TO *HENRY JAKASHAWAH*--
-- WHO IS THE SON OF THE SAQUIN LEADER, *CAL JAKASHAWAH*.
AND CAL IS A STUBBORN S.O.B. WHO ONLY LISTENS TO THE ADVICE OF THE VILLAGE ELDER, *MARTIN SUNHOPE*. LIKE I SAID, COMPLICATED.
WHO KNOWS HOW MUCH DAMAGE HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE?!
CAL, IT'S BEEN TEARING ME UP, OKAY?
I CAME LOOKING FOR ADVICE, NOT ABUSE.
YOU'VE BEEN PRETTY QUIET. ANY THOUGHTS?
TAKE CARE OF THE PROBLEM, JOSHUA. QUICKLY.
BY *WHATEVER* MEANS NECESSARY.

A TOUGH JOB AHEAD?
THWPP
SOUNDS LIKE YOU'LL NEED SOME HELP FROM -KID TUROK'
KID TUROK HUH?
AUNT ALISON, I THINK CLAY IS STUPID
YOUR OLDER BROTHER IS NOT STUPID, BETH
HE'S JUST LIKE HIS UNCLE JOSH THAT'S ALL
WHY DO I GET THE FEELING THAT WAS A SLAM?
DID YOU SAY SLAM--?!
THEY SAID I HAVE TO MAKE MY MOVE NOW, ALI.
IF THAT'S THE CASE THEN I THINK YOU COULDN'T'VE PICKED A BETTER TIME.
PREPARATIONS BEGAN FOR TOMORROW'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT ON THE WHITE HOUSE LAWN...

"JOSH CAME BACK TO *BOSWORTH DORM* RESIGNED TO THE INEVITABLE..."
IT ACTUALLY IS PRETTY HARD TO BELIEVE.
WHAT? THAT I'M FINALLY MAKING MY MOVE?
NO. THAT YOUR LITTLE SISTER WAS WATCHING THE *NEWS*!
I GOTTA GO.
WISH ME LUCK.
LUCK.
BY THE WAY, BESIDES THE FACT THAT WHEN YOU COME BACK THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT WILL HAVE BEEN IRREVOCABLY ALTERED--
THAT GR CA ED AGAN
WHAT GIRL?
FROM EARLIER WHEN JESS ANSWERED. SAID HER NAME WAS *NANCY*?
DOESN'T RING A BELL. LATER.
LATER.
VWVMMM

YOU'RE CERTAIN?
HE'S MAKING HIS FIRST MOVE TOMORROW MORNING.
WE HAVE TO STOP HIM, AARON.
WITHOUT HURTING HIM PERHAPS.
WITHOUT HURTING HIM, IF WE CAN. I KNOW!
OR YOU'LL STOP WORKING WITH US, MISHIY?
AGENTS, STOOD. WE'LL DO OUR BEST!
--INCLUDING SCHEDULED APPEARANCES BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE FIRST LADY!
--AND THE ARKHANES WILL BE PUTTING ON THE SHOW!
ASTERE

TRADITIONALLY, THIS IS ONE OF THE PRESIDENT'S FAVORITE EVENTS.
THOUGH THIS IS THE FIRST YEAR THAT CHELSEA WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND
THAT'S RIGHT BERNARD
BUT THE PRESIDENT IS DETERMINED TO ENJOY THE EVENT TODA
AND SO HE SHOULD JUDY
HOW OFTEN DO WE GET TO SEE THE HUMAN SIDE OF THE MAN IN


KLIK
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THE IRONIC THING ABOUT ALL THAT SOUL-SEARCHING IS THAT JOSH KNEW (AND JOSH KNEW THAT WE ALL KNEW) THAT THE DOING WAS NEVER THE PROBLEM--
--ONLY THE DECIDING WAS.
EASTER
EGG HU
THERE IS NO PLACE--HECK, NO TIME EVEN--THAT A TUROK CAN'T ACCESS.
SLIPPING IN AND OUT OF ANYWHERE LIKE AIR...
...MAKES IT PRETTY EASY TO ATTACK ANYONE...
VWMMM
COVER THE PRESIDENT!

WHMM
AAA!
FACHOW
?!
I GUESS THIS IS WHERE I'D TELL YOU I COULDN'T GET ANY WORSE, RIGHT?
AND YES, THE PRESIDENT DIDN'T LOOK LIKE A DINOSOID ANYMORE
YES, HE PEEKED THROUGH THE HAWKINS SITE...AFTER HE SQUEEZED THE TRIGGER.
next:
THINGS GET WORSE!

WHAT's in the

TURUK GOES MONTHLY!!!!

Welcome back! Turok is back and badder than ever! You want chills, you want thrills, you want spills, you want FOUR TIMES the nipplege of *Quantum & Woody* (I'm kidding... well... maybe), you've come to the right place! So sit back, take a load off and check us out. In the meantime, I thought it would be nice to print some letters about our last quarterly, *Tales of The Lost Land*.

— Omar

(getting hit with a belt by a co-worker is bad)

Hey Omar!

I'm back. :)

I'm a big history buff and especially enjoy comics history (yes, yes, I dig continuity. It validates my comic collecting obsession.). So, it goes almost without saying that I got a kick out of the tales presented to us in this special. Plus, the whole idea of a spiritual meeting place where past/present/ and future Turoks can hang out and chat appeals to me. By that same token, I wonder how they can't get frustrated. After all, not only do they know that they shall all, sooner or later, die during their tenure, there's the knowledge that they'll never vanquish their foes.

OK, I can handle the knowing they'll die bit. Humans have been living with that knowledge forever. But the eternal struggle? Knowing it's always "the battle has been lost (or won) but the war is far from over!"? The word futility comes to mind. Yes, each victory brings the Turoks closer to an eventual end, but we've never met a Turok who comes from a time when there IS no more war. That has to weigh heavy on some of those Turok crowns.

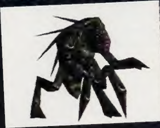
Guess I'll just have to keep reading...

Mike Aragona
online

It is an eternal struggle for all the Turoks. It's part of the lifetime burden, or in some

SPECIAL BONUS: PREVIEW OF TURUK 2 VIDEO GAME!

"Turok: Dinosaur Hunter 2" is in production as we speak. So we all thought it would be a nice thing if we show some sneak preview screen shots of the characters you'll be seeing in the upcoming videogame. Have fun and enjoy!



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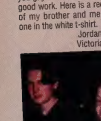
BAG?

cases, a curse for them. It might be hopeless, but someone has to do the job. If you keep reading, I can safely say that Josh's burden is going to get a whole lot worse than it is now.

Dear Turok Gang,

I am writing to my favorite comic creators to tell you how much I love your comic book. I thought *Tales of the Lost Land* was done brilliantly. It was the best comic I had seen in a long time. I was so excited when I heard *Turok* was coming out monthly. I have been collecting your comic since *Empty Souls*. Fabian, you always amaze me with great stories and fabulous writing. I have played "Turok: Dinosaur Hunter" and finished the game several times. I am looking forward to seeing the sneak preview of "Turok 2". Overall, I say your comic rules, Fabian and Rafael—you guys are the best. Keep up the good work. Here is a recent photo of my brother and me. I am the one in the white t-shirt.

Jordan Strathdee
Victoria, Australia



JORDAN: BIRTHDAY BOY!!!

P.S. I am having my thirteenth birthday on February 21st and I was hoping you'd print my letter for my birthday.

Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday Jordan, Happy Belated Birthday to you...hope you had a good one. I know I did when I had mine.

NEXT ISSUE:

With Turok a wanted man (trying to assassinate the President will do that to you), Barry helps Josh design an alternate costume to conceal his identity. Meanwhile, what does Joshua's older sister have to do with all of this? Is she on his side or is there more her than meets the eye?

ALSO OUT THIS MONTH:

TROUBLEMAKERS #16
A reporter, Andrew Chase, begins to gather clues about the genetically engineered Troublemakers. Confronting Josh, he is determined to find the truth about the kids. When he is rebuffed, he has to make a choice, whether to out the children and possibly crush the next step in human evolution—or kill the best story of his life?
By Nicieza, West & Davis: On Sale 3/25

QUANTUM & WOODY #14
Woody is out for revenge, and Terence Magnum, the man who has declared war on our heroes, is the target! Can Quantum keep Woody from going to far? Part one of the epic four-part storyline "Magnum Force!"
By Priest, Bright & Adams: On Sale 3/11

ETERNAL WARRIORS QUARTERLY: MOG
The mysterious father of Ivar, Aram and Gilad has returned. Where has Mog been? What does he want? What are the ramifications of his return to the Forever Family? Whatever they are, it's gonna get real ugly, real fast!
By Holcomb, Morales & Floyd: On Sale 3/25

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